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RemarksRejections of Claims 1-2 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by United States patent number 5,915,158, issued to Minagawa et al. To overcome the Examiner's rejections, the Applicant has canceled claims 1-2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter of claim 1 and claim 2.

Objections to 3-12

Claims 3-12 are objected to by the Examiner as dependent upon rejected claims. But, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3-12 include allowable subject matter. To overcome the Examiner's objections, the Applicant has canceled claims 3-12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter of claims 3-12.

Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 13-22.

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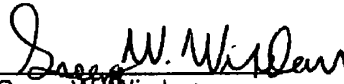
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Conclusions

The Applicant respectfully contends that the Examiner's rejections and objections of claims 1-22 have been overcome. Accordingly, the Applicant believes the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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